Docket No.: 057454-0997 PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of

Customer Number: 20277

Kouichi OKUGAMI, et al.

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Application No.: 10/787,263

Group Art Unit: 3682

Filed: February 27, 2004

Examiner: Lenard Footland

For: DIFFERENTIAL SUPPORT STRUCTURE, DIFFERENTIAL'S COMPONENT, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING DIFFERENTIAL SUPPORT STRUCTURE, AND METHOD OF

MANUFACTURING DIFFERENTIAL'S COMPONENT

STATUS INQUIRY

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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on February 27, 2004. Since more than one and one-half years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before April 18. 2004 December 2, 2003 in the above-assigned group art unit should have received an action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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